



In the Claims:

Sub B1 2. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 in which said anodizing is conducted at a said temperature that is in the range of 18 to 25°C and at a said current density that is in the range of about 3 A/ft² to no more than 10 A/ft².

Sub C1 4. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 3 further comprising, during said immersing step, establishing said surface as an anode in a direct current circuit with said solution as an electrolyte and applying a direct current voltage of 10 to 25 volts to said surface.

Sub C1 7. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 6 further comprising, during said immersing step, establishing said surface as an anode in a direct current circuit with said solution as an electrolyte and applying a direct current voltage of 10 to 25 volts to said surface.

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